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Ministry Strengths

My strengths in ministry include the following. First, I am well-organized and well-disciplined in my studies and focus hard on my studies and ministry work. Second, I am able to complete challenging tasks and assignments even under immense pressure or when any setbacks occur, and I do not give up until they are completed. Third and most important, I place my ministry service and work in-line with my worship of the Lord and ensure I am worshipping Him and giving glory and honor to Him when I complete my ministry service.

Ministry Weaknesses

My two major ministry weaknesses are as follows. First, I can be overly perfectionistic at times which can either add delay to some of my ministry service or can interfere with my ministry service if I am not careful, as I can overly obsess over minute details and neglect the larger picture. Additionally, I am more of one who prefers to work solitary on ministry projects versus with others, and too much isolation reduces the accountability I have with others as well as that loving fellowship. Finding areas I can work with others and deepen working relationships and accountability with others ensures I am not allowing this weakness to take root.

Protection Against Ministry Pitfalls

The areas I can protection against ministry pitfalls are as follows. For pride, I must daily remember that I am a child of the Lord and the salvation Jesus Christ has provided to me, which is a major humbling experience. For lust, I need to think on the list of things located in Philippians to guard my mind and surrender every thought to the Lord. For greed, I need to remember to be a cheerful giver and also use my spiritual gifts and talents for the Lord. I should be a vessel that flows like a river, not a cistern. For valuing ministry over family, I need to remember the qualifications of ministry leadership in 1Timothy, and remember that family is a

major priority in order to truly be effective in ministry. For valuing programs over people, I need to remember the Lord has called us to make disciples, not to merely implement ministry programs. Our ministry programs are not going to heaven, but the people we lead to Christ are. I need to focus on the people and disciple making and let the programs flow as a result of making disciples, not in the place of it.